

2. (Original claim) A timing display device for use in games or sports, characterized in that the timing display device has a first end, a second end, and at least one intermediate location, the timing display device having a first indicating means which is arranged to move between an intermediate location and the first end, and a second indicating means which is arranged to move between an intermediate location and the second end, the first and second indicating means being arranged to move in unison away from a central intermediate location such that the end of a predetermined time period is indicated by the first and second indicating means reaching the first and second ends respectively.

3. (Original claim) A timing display device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that each indicating means comprises a plurality of lights arranged between a respective end and the intermediate location, wherein the lights are sequentially turned off from an outermost light to a light adjacent the intermediate location.

4. (Original claim) A timing display device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that each indicating means comprises a plurality of lights arranged between a respective end and the intermediate location, wherein the lights are sequentially turned off from a light adjacent the intermediate location to an outermost light.

5. (currently amended) A timing display device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that lights of two colours are provided, wherein the timing device can be used to show a first time period using lights of one colour and a second time period using lights of another colour.

6. (original claim) A timing display device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first and second time periods may add together to form an overall time period.
7. (original claim) A method of displaying a shot clock period in basketball, characterized in that the method includes the step of mounting a display device as claimed in Claim 1 onto a basketball backboard such that the intermediate location is vertically aligned with the centre of the backboard, and operating the timing device so as to show a period of 24 seconds.
8. (new claim) A timing display device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that lights of two colours are provided, wherein the timing device can be used to show a first time period using lights of one colour and a second time period using lights of another colour.
9. (new claim) A method of displaying a shot clock period in basketball, characterized in that the method includes the step of mounting a display device as claimed in Claim 2 onto a basketball backboard such that the intermediate location is vertically aligned with the centre of the backboard, and operating the timing device so as to show a period of 24 seconds.